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Major Insurgent Groups

Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union

Umbrella organization for the insurgent groups; formed in Cuba in February 1982; operational unity between groups limited.

Guerrilla Army of the Poor

Marxist-Leninist; largest group, with an estimated 1,000 to 1,300 guerrillas; began armed operations in 1975; closely tied to Cuba.

Revolutionary Organization of the People in Arms

Ranges from Marxist-Leninist to "socialist"; 600 to 800 guerrillas; obstacle to insurgent unity and resists Cuban direction.

Rebel Armed Forces

Marxist-Leninist; original Guatemalan insurgent group, formed in 1962; 150 to 300 trained members.

Guatemalan Workers Party/Dissident Wing

Offshoot of Moscow-line Communist Party; joined armed struggle in mid-1980; no more than 200 militants.

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